

FAASTeam presents:

The Torrey Pines Gliderport - The Challenges and Safety Improvements through the years

As “Air Capital of the West,” San Diego boasts a rich history in aviation that began with glider flights by John J. Montgomery in the 1880s. By the 1930s, gliding experienced a renaissance as an inexpensive means to take to the skies. Gliderports dotted the West Coast with pilots testing their designs in the prevailing sea breeze. Locations such as Torrey Pines attracted pilots from all over the nation for their idyllic conditions, where humans could soar with birds over the sea. These early pioneers helped define soaring as a sport and left an indelible mark on American aviation. Of the coastal gliderports of the 1930s, only one remains today—the Torrey Pines Gliderport—an aviation landmark that has become famous around the world with aviators who share this unique resource through multiple forms of motorless flight. The location of the airport has presented many challenges as the City has expanded in population and growth. Many different types of aviators from modelers to hang gliders to full scale gliders all use the same airport. This historical account will trace back on how improvements in airspace control has allowed many types to fly together.

Event Details

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EAA Chapter 14, Hangar 1

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Directions: I-805 South to 905, take 905 East toward Otay Mesa. Take the Britannia exit, turn left onto Britannia, turn left onto Otay Mesa Rd. Turn right at the stoplight at Cactus Rd into Brown Field entrance, turn right onto Continental St. Follow instructions at security gate to call EAA for entrance. Chapter 14 is next to Brown Field control tower.

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